



Date: February 15, 2011

To: Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future
1800 K. Street NW, Suite 1014
Washington, D.C. 20006

From: City of Red Wing, Minnesota
315 West 4th Street
Red Wing, Minnesota 55066

RE: Invitation to the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future to hold a Commission meeting in Red Wing, Minnesota.

Distinguished Members of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future ("Commission"):

The City of Red Wing ("City") is host to Xcel Energy's Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant ("PINGP"). Our City is directly impacted by the onsite dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel (SNF) accumulating at the PINGP. The City of Red Wing invites the Commission to schedule a Commission meeting in the City of Red Wing so we, and other similarly situated host communities in the region, may participate in the Commission's vitally important work.

We support the Commission's important mission. We believe that the success of the Commission's recommendations depends, in large part, on actively engaging communities that host commercial nuclear reactor sites and taking into consideration the numerous impacts these facilities, their SNF and related Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation operations have on our communities.

The City has a critical need to ensure that our concerns are fully articulated to and considered by the Commission. Due to our severe funding restrictions, however, our community and others like us cannot effectively organize, participate, or provide valuable input into the Commission's work as there is simply no local funding to support these activities. If the Commission held a meeting here, we would invite other host communities located in nearby states, as well as our local partners to attend. Based on our communications to date, there would be tremendous regional interest and participation.

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Therefore, we cordially extend an open invitation to the Commission to consider holding a Commission meeting in Red Wing, Minnesota, so we can personally express and share host communities' critical concerns regarding the stranding of SNF with the Commission members.

If the Commission has any questions, please contact Kay Kuhlmann, City Administrator, at the City of Red Wing, at 651.385.3600 (ext 3612).

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph Rauterkus". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Ralph Rauterkus, Council President

cc: Mary Woollen, Government Liaison, Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future
City of Red Wing, Minnesota, Mayor and City Council Members
Kay Kuhlmann, City Administrator, City of Red Wing
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Senator Al Franken, Minnesota
Senator Amy Klobuchar, Minnesota
Representative Timothy J. Walz, Minnesota – 1st
Representative John Kline, Minnesota - 2nd
Representative Erik Paulsen, Minnesota - 3rd
Representative Betty McCollum, Minnesota - 4th
Representative Keith Ellison, Minnesota - 5th
Representative Michele Bachmann, Minnesota - 6th
Representative Colin C. Peterson, Minnesota - 7th
Representative Chip Cravaak, Minnesota - 8th